GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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Generation Capacity of Solar Parks
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved a plan to double the capacity of solar parks and ultra mega solar power projects to 40,000 MW from 20,000 MW;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether a roadmap would be finalised shortly to set up at least 50 solar parks each with a capacity of 500 MW except in hilly areas where adequate land is not available;
(d) if so, the details thereof;
(e) the funds allocated for the setting up of these parks, State-wise;
(f) whether the Government proposes to make available cheaper loan to promote entrepreneurs of private sector to develop solar parks and augment the generation of electricity in the country; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), in its meeting held on 22.02.2017, approved the enhancement of capacity from 20,000 MW to 40,000 MW of the Scheme for Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects.

(c) & (d): 34 Solar Park with cumulative capacity of 20000 MW in 21 States have already been sanctioned under earlier scheme of Solar Parks. Solar Parks are sanctioned on submission of proposals by State Governments as per availability of land, solar radiation, & transmission line etc. and other State Government policies.
(e): Financial support of Rs. 8,100 Crore from Central Government has been approved for Solar Park Scheme. State-wise allocation has not been made.
(f) & (g): Government provides central financial assistance at the rate of Rs. 20 lakh per MW to Solar Park Developers including from private sector. This brings down overall cost of development of Solar parks.
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